VENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) During the period April, 1991 - October, 1991, the energy deficit in the country was of the order of 8.0%.

(b) Various measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting the commissioning of new generating capacity, implementation of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reduction of Transmission and Distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

Capacity of A.I.R. Station, Aurangabad (Maharashtra)

*150. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the capacity of the All India Radio Station at Aurangabad, Maharashtra;

(b) whether the Government propose to raise the same;

(c) if so, the time by which the task is likely to be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) In addition to the 1 KW MW Transmitter and Type II Studios in Aurangabad, the 20 KW MW transmitter at Jalgaon, 100 KW MW transmitter at Pune and 10 KW MW transmitter at Parbhani provide radio coverage in the district.

(b) and (c). There is no approved scheme at present to raise the capacity of the All India Radio Station at Aurangabad.

(d) From coverage point of view, Aurangabad district is very well served by the MW regional transmitters.

Film Censorship Regulations

*151. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had made some amendments to strengthen the film censorship regulations; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). For certifying films for public exhibition, the Central Government have enacted the Cinematograph Act, 1952 (37 of 1952) which superseded the earlier legislation on the subject. A statutory body called the Central Board of Film Certification has been set up for the purpose. The Act has been amended from time to time to strengthen the censorship machinery. The major amendments to the Act were made in 1981 and 1984. The important changes incorporated in these Amendment Acts are indicated in the attached Statement-I

Under Section 8 of the Act, the Central Government have framed rules called the Cinematograph (Certification) Rules, 1983, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the Act. These Rules have superseded the earlier Rules on the subject.

Section 5B of the Act empowers the Central Government to issue directions to the Central Board of Film Certification setting out the principles for determining the suitability of films "public exhibition". The existing directions were issued on 7.1.78 in supersession of the earlier Guidelines.